

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

INVENTED BY: Albert Sadacca

INVENTION DATE: 1917

INTERESTING FACT: Legend tells that Martin Luther rigged a wire Christmas tree to hold lighted candles. Safe, brightly colored strands of lights were invented by 15-year-old

Albert Sadacca.

# WRAPPING PAPER

INVENTED BY: Joyce and Rollie Hall

**INVENTION DATE: 1917** 

INVENTION LOCATION: Missouri

INTERESTING FACT: Stationary store owners invented fancy Christmas wrapping paper after running

out of standard tissue paper.

#### ADHESIVE TAPE

INVENTED BY: Richard Drew

INVENTION DATE: 1920s

INVENTION LOCATION: Minnesota

INTERESTING FACT: Scotch tape came out of an attempt to help automotive painters find a better way to paint a vehicle

with two colors.

## CHRISTMAS TREE TINSEL

INVENTION LOCATION: Germany

INVENTION DATE: 1610s

INTERESTING FACT: Originally made from real silver, tinsel gets its name from the French word *estincele*, which means sparkle.

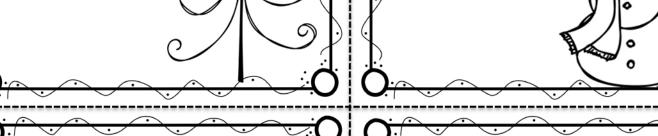
#### **ELF ON THE SHELF**

INVENTED BY: Carol Aebersold & Chanda Bell

INVENTION DATE: 2004

INTERESTING FACT: The Elf on the Shelf began as a book, but is now so popular, he has his own float in the

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



## **CANDY CANES**

INVENTED BY: the choirmaster

at Cologne Cathedral

**INVENTION DATE: 1670** 

INVENTION LOCATION: Germany

INTERESTING FACT: Original candy canes were straight and white. The

choirmaster bent the candy sticks / into canes to

represent a shepherd's staff.

#### **BUBBLE WRAP**

INVENTED BY: Alfred Fielding &

Marc Chavannes

INVENTION DATE: 1957

INVENTION LOCATION: New Jersey

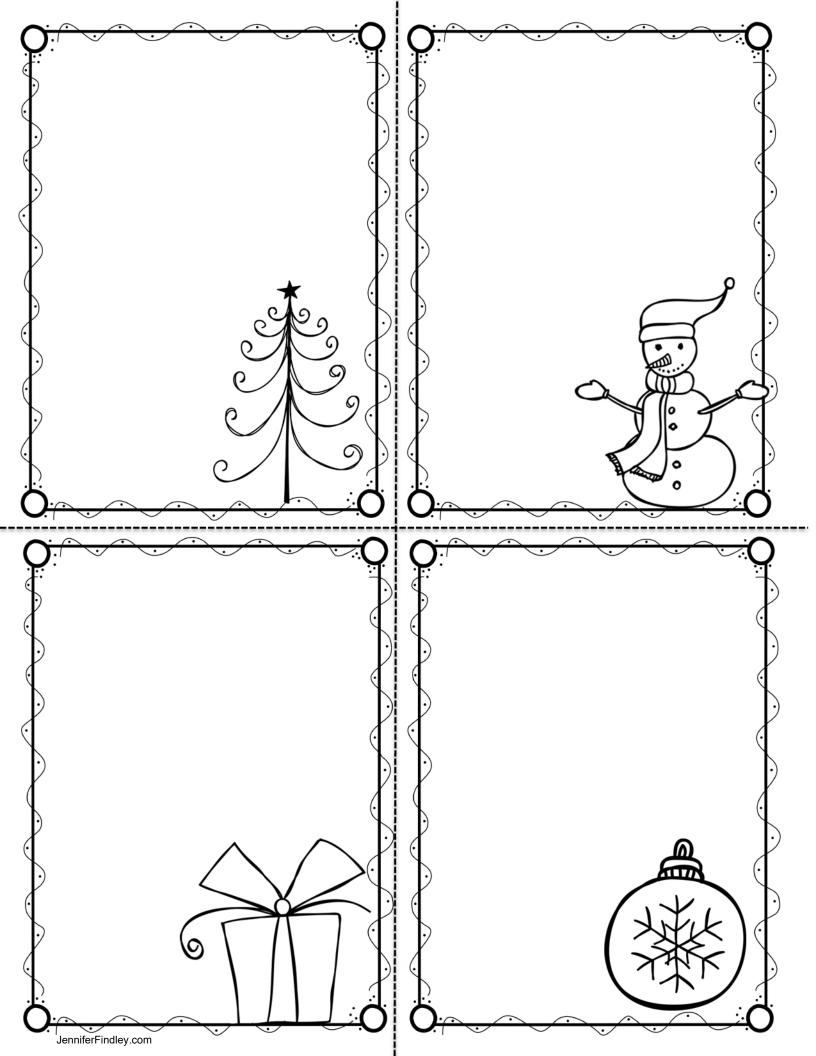
INTERESTING FACT: Bubble wrap

came out of an attempt

to create three dimensional

wallpaper.





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